

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a tire having a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body, said method comprising:

forming the tire reinforcing member by:

providing a ~~disc-shaped~~ rotatable carrier having a vertical rotating axis, and an extruder having an extrusion nozzle that is arranged adjacent to ~~said the~~ carrier so as to be movable radially of the carrier; and

extruding onto the carrier a rubber ribbon having a thin gauge and short fibers embedded therein, continuously from the extrusion nozzle of the extruder while rotating the carrier and moving the extrusion nozzle radially of the carrier so that an edge of one turn of the rubber ribbon is overlapped with an opposite edge of an adjacent turn of the ribbon, with ~~said the~~ extrusion nozzle reciprocated in radial directions of ~~said the~~ carrier until an annular laminated body having a desired gauge is formed; and

incorporating the tire reinforcing member into a green tire from which the tire is produced.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein ~~said the~~ carrier supports a bead filler rubber thereon, and said annular laminated body is applied along, and adhered to at least one side of said bead filler rubber.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~Method~~ method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are oriented in a circumferential direction of a ~~product~~ tire to which said annular laminated body has been ~~applied~~ incorporated.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are randomly arranged in a ~~product~~ tire to which said annular laminated body has been ~~applied~~ incorporated.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a tire having a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body, said method comprising:

providing forming a disc-shaped green tire on a rotatable carrier having a horizontal rotating axis, and wherein an extruder having an extrusion nozzle ~~that~~ is arranged opposite to an outer peripheral surface of said the carrier so as to be movable in axial and radial directions of the carrier, ~~said carrier being in the form of a drum for forming in a green tire thereon; and~~

extruding onto ~~the carrier~~ a desired portion of the green tire a rubber ribbon having a thin gauge and short fibers embedded therein, continuously from the extrusion nozzle of the extruder while rotating the carrier and moving the extrusion nozzle in the axial and radial directions of the carrier so that an edge of one turn of the rubber ribbon is overlapped with an opposite edge of an adjacent turn of the ribbon, with said the extrusion nozzle reciprocated in axial directions of said the carrier until an annular laminated body having a desired gauge is formed ~~on a desired~~ on the desired portion of the green tire; and

forming the tire from the green tire.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said extruder has a roller die comprised of a pair of rollers forming a gap through which said rubber ribbon is

passed to have a desired cross-section, and the rubber ribbon is subsequently adhered ~~onto a~~
desired onto the desired portion of the green tire by one of said rollers.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are oriented in a circumferential direction of a ~~product~~ tire to which said annular laminated body has been applied.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are randomly arranged in a ~~product~~ tire to which said annular laminated body has been applied.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.